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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 6, 2003, which set a three-month shortened statutory period to expire on January 6, 2004, and for which a Request for Extension of Time for one month is being filed currently herewith, setting the period for response to expire February 6, 2004, Applicant submits the amendments and remarks as follows for entry in the above-identified patent application and requests reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of the application, in due course:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 3 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.